



DODGE COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

September 21, 2020

The Dodge County Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Monday, September 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st floor Auditorium in the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Allen Behl – District 19, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Naomi Kriewald – District 9, Travis Schultz – District 25, Jenifer Hedrick (present via Zoom) and Annette Thompson – Dodge County School District Superintendent.

Also present: Area Extension Director Jeff Hoffman; Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator; and Extension Dodge County department lead Tracy Malterer.

Also present via Zoom: Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator; Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator; and Joe Zimbric, Crops and Soils Educator.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald, second by Schultz to approve the August 17, 2020 minutes as printed. Motion carried 5-0.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENSES: Review of the Division of Extension - Dodge County revenues and expenses for August 2020 as presented.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS OF EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2020: Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheets as listed. Motion by Thompson, second by Kriewald to approve per diems as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

UPDATE ON DIVISION OF EXTENSION BY AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR: Area Extension Director Jeff Hoffman updated the Committee on virtual teaching and training delivery modes across program areas. Discussion was held on the acceptance of virtual delivery from program participants. Supervisor Kriewald commented on how well Extension educators have adapted their program delivery to maintain educational outreach to county citizens and program participants.

UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET: Hoffman reported on the proposed 2021 budget. He has been working with Dodge County administrator and finance department to create a budget with trimmed operating expenses, one \$10,000 first educator discount, and a commitment to maintain revenue-generating programs. The proposed 2021 budget decreased by about \$20,000 from the 2020 budget.

SHORT ORAL REPORTS BY EXTENSION EDUCATORS:

Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator – Young shared a YouTube video that she created with a state educator team to demonstrate how micro-learning sessions support program outreach and address topical issues affecting dairy and livestock producers.

Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator – Carroll reported that she presented at the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Session. The Raising Caring Kids program was highlighted and well received by the national virtual audience. Carroll reported how the team was able to partner with and leverage grant dollars from the Wisconsin Department of Instruction to bring Raising Caring Kids to Wisconsin and specifically to Dodge County. The program promotes the social emotional learning competencies of children grades K-5 through parent involvement. The program has been adapted and is being used for a virtual parenting education series starting in

October called The Parent Connect. See the attached impact report to learn more about Raising Caring Kids program.

Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Coordinator - Kimberly Lafler and Caitlin Richardson are serving on curriculum workgroups that are focusing on transitioning the state selected curriculum to have digital/online options. The FoodWise fiscal year starts October 1, 2020 so both Lafler and Richardson are starting to prepare for the upcoming year. All of FoodWise previous partners from this current fiscal year want FoodWise presence of some sort. Some options provided to partners are live Zoom teaching, recorded videos, content for youth to do at home with parents, or waiting until the winter/spring for potential in-person.

Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator – Marie thanked the committee for their support for her to run for the Regional Director position for the National Association of 4-H Youth Development Professionals Association. The election was held in late August and she was informed that she was elected in September. The term begins in October and runs until the National Convention in Madison, WI in 2022. She shared the Annual Leader training which she is team teaching in Nov and Dec, and they did 3 staff trainings in the past week. She also shared that the September Leaders Association was an opportunity to have the WI 4-H Program Manager and Assistant Program Manager attend to answer some questions in light of concerns in Fond du Lac. The leaders shared they appreciated the opportunity.

Joe Zimbric, Crops and Soils Educator – In September, the bulk of the Crops and Soils program efforts were dedicated to facilitating and writing the 2021 Watershed Protection Grant on behalf of the Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil-Healthy Water. This grant is offered through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection and it provides the primary source of funding for the farmer-led group to conduct their programs each year. Specifically, the grant provides funding for cover crop cost-share payments for nearly 30,000 acres in the county. In addition, in 2021 the grant will provide incentive payments to Dodge County farmers who significantly reduce phosphorus loss from their farms. Another new component in 2021 will be the development of a carbon-sequestration pilot program where farmers will receive incentive payments for introducing tillage and cover cropping practices that build soil carbon reserves.

Zimbric informed the Extension Education Committee that he is resigning from UW-Extension at the end of September 2020 for personal reasons. Zimbric expressed his gratitude for having an opportunity to work with UW-Extension and he will continue to work in support of sustainable agriculture in the future.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS GRANT

RESOLUTION: Dairy & Livestock Educator Amanda Young presented the resolution to the Committee with noted changes in wording on resolution lines 19 and 20. Motion by Thompson, second by Schultz to approve the County Conservation Aids Grant Resolution as presented and forward to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF 2020-2021 COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS GRANT APPLICATION FROM BEAVER DAM LAKE ASSOCIATION:

Young introduced the only submission for this year's Conservation Aids Grant application. Their proposal is for stocking perch and walleye in Beaver Dam Lake. Fish stocking is an approved project for these grant funds. The allocation amount for Dodge County is \$2,422 from the DNR. This grant is a match program and an equal amount of \$2,422 is approved in the 2020 County budget. Motion by Schultz, second by Thompson to approved the grant application for fish stocking by Beaver Dam Lake Association. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Education Committee meeting is Monday, October 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the 1st Floor Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Kriewald, Secretary



Allen Behl, Chairperson